

# The Fate of Children...

...Who Die Young



“And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became ill.”—2 Samuel 12:15 (NASB)

**Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>, AD 2023**

# The LORD'S Day

The Second Day of July, in the Year of our Lord 2023

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



*Thought-for-the Day:* "THE RIGHTS OF MAN COME NOT



FROM THE GENEROSITY OF THE STATE BUT  
FROM THE HAND OF GOD."—John F. Kennedy

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *"Bless His Holy Name"* (#8; no *D.C. al Fine*)

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* (#548).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 12:12-33.

Prayer, Praises, and Testimony.

Hymn: *"Battle Hymn of the Republic"* (#553).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Faith of our Fathers"* (#550; vv. 1, 2, 4).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"THE FATE OF CHILDREN WHO DIE YOUNG."*

This week, it is our great privilege to welcome our very special guest speaker from the North Buffalo Grace Brethren Church of Kittanning, PA, [Mr. Joseph Zambuto](#).

Closing Hymn:\* *"Beyond the Sunset"* (#509; vv. 1, 4).

Benediction.\*



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*The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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Also check out our YouTube Channel (search "Terry Reese")!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZPAQluabZiWE8eVNquACAAQ>

See our [rumble](https://rumble.com/c/c-3127604) channel (search TerryReese) <https://rumble.com/c/c-3127604>

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## Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM

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**Week of June 25 – July 1**

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—I8;

Midweek—No Service; Weekly Offering—\$542.<sup>00</sup>

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## CGBCI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Pastor is at the **Conservative Grace Brethren (CGBCI)**

**National Conference** in **Dublin, OH**. Our great thanks to Brother **Joe Zambuto** of the **North Buffalo GBC** of Kittanning, PA, who will be filling-in this week! The *Annual Meeting* (or "*Big Meeting*") has been a part of our Brethren Heritage that goes back over 230 years, to the days of the "**Old Brethren**."



The Conference Theme chosen by our President, **Pastor Dave Blevins** (Telford, TN), is **Transformed** (based upon Rom. 12:2).

Various Conference activities include the **Full-Conference Business Sessions**, special **breakout meetings** (e.g., the national College of Pastors, Ladies' Meetings, & Men's Meetings), various **missions presentations** (foreign & home), **YCON** (youth), **Children's Conference**, daily **Bible hours**, and the **Pastor's Panel Meetings** (Foreign Missions Panel, Home Missions Panel, Ethics & Mediation Panel, Pastoral Care Panel, Executive Panel, Pastoral Recognition Panel). Pastor Reese is currently serving as Secretary of the **Ethics & Mediation Panel**. We covet your prayers for these meetings; though numerically small in comparison to some denominations, we earnestly believe that the CGBCI fills a key role in today's world, modelling a standard of Biblical fidelity in terms of both doctrine and practice.

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**July 31-August 4: Vacation Bible School with CEF.**

**August 13: Our annual Church Picnic.**

## AFRICA UPDATE

From: Pastor Keith Merriman; Dateline: June Report

Praise the Lord! Twenty-four Kenyan practorium students were



present for the classes the last week of May taught in Kipsainai, Kenya by **Pastor Simon Peter Otudo, Pastor Roger Yoda and Pastor Gilbert Amaswache**. Please pray for these men to

be faithful in their training and pastoring.

While Pastor Simon Peter Otudo was in Kenya teaching two men tried to break into his home at about three in the morning while Margaret and the children were sleeping. Margaret was screaming so loud trying to get the neighbors to help she lost her voice. Simon Peter said the children were also terrified and that Merriman (his son) was crying saying they were all going to be murdered and that daddy would be left alone. Praise the Lord there were two doors on the main entrance to the house and that they were only able to break through the first door. The authorities were contacted but no arrests yet. We are in the process of helping Simon Peter make the house more secure. There are no interior doors (see photo below) so we are adding those and security on the windows. We are also adding a small room to the house so that all the children will be protected in the house. Two of the children have been sleeping in an old hut that we renovated a few years ago but it is not secure.

Please pray that the men who tried to break in would be apprehended and for safety and peace for Simon Peter and his family.

*Remember that financial gifts for the ministry in Africa should be sent in care of **Pastor Tom Johnson to CGBCI Foreign Missions, 222 Marker Dr., Somerset, PA, 15501**; Phone: 814-521-2959. For information about the ministry in Africa please contact Pastor Keith Merriman at [keithamerriman1998@gmail.com](mailto:keithamerriman1998@gmail.com)*

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